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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

I am opposed to the proposed settlement in the Microsoft antitrust trial. As an eight year veteran of the computer industry who has worked for both competitors and advocates of Microsoft, I feel that the proposed restrictions are too narrow in scope and will do little to prevent Microsoft from maintaining and expanding its monopoly. I believe this will have an ongoing negative impact on the consumer and is thus not in the public interest.

To improve the proposal, I would suggest adding specific rights of interoperability to free software projects. These projects are some of Microsoft's key competitors, but appear to be almost forgotten by the currently proposed settlement. I also do not believe the current provisions for enforcement are adequate, and that an oversight committee with real powers of enforcement should be added rather than sending further violations back to the courts where they may take years to be resolved.

Sincerely,

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